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ABSTRACT of ſeveral Acts of Parliament, now in Force, which were made for preventing His Majeſty's Subjects from Trading to the Eaſt-Indies, under Foreign Commiſſions; and from being intereſted or concerned in any Foreign Eaſt-India Company to be erected.

BY the following Acts of Parliament now in Force, and which were made, for preventing His Majeſty's Subjects from Trading to the Eaſt-Indies, under Foreign Commiſſions; and from being intereſted, or concerned, in any Foreign Eaſt-India Company, to be erected; it is Enacted as follows, *viz.*

5th Geo. I. *Cap.* 21.] By an Act paſſed in the 5th Year of His late Majeſty, King George the Firſt, all His Majeſty's Subjects, except thoſe Licenſed by the Eaſt-India Company, are prohibited from going to the Eaſt-Indies. — And to the End ſuch Offenders may be brought to Juſtice, the Eaſt-India Company are empowered to arreſt, and ſeize, ſuch Offenders in the Eaſt-Indies, and to ſend them to England, there to anſwer for the ſaid Offence; And every Britiſh Subject, who ſhall procure, ſollicit for, obtain, or act under, any Commiſſion, Authority, or Paſs, from any Foreign Prince, or State, to ſail, or go, or trade, in, or to the Eaſt-Indies, incurs, and forfeits, for every ſuch Offence, 500 *l.*

7th Geo. I. *Cap.* 21.] By another Act paſſed in the 7th Year of His late Majeſty King George the Firſt, every Subject of His Majeſty, who ſhall go to, or ſhall Trade, or Adventure into, or from, the Eaſt-Indies, (contrary to the Laws in being,) and ſhall be convicted thereof, in any of His Majeſty's Courts of Record, at Weſtminſter, is to pay, and ſuffer ſuch Fine, and Impriſonment, as the Court ſhall think fit.

And all the Goods, and Merchandize, that ſhall be bartered or traffick'd for, in the Eaſt-Indies, or purchaſed there, by any ſuch Offenders, or that ſhall be found in his Cuſtody, or in the Cuſtody of any other Perſon, by his Order, or Procurement, are declared to be forfeited, with Double the Value thereof.

9th Geo. I. *Cap.* 26.] By an Act paſſed in the 9th Year of His late Majeſty King George the Firſt, all His Majeſty's Subjects are prohibited from ſubſcribing, contributing to, encouraging, or promoting, the raiſing, eſtabliſhing, or carrying on, any Foreign Company, from, and after, the 24th Day of June 1723, to be raiſed, formed, or erected, for Trading to the Eaſt-Indies, and from being intereſted in, or intitled to, any Share in the Stock, or Capital, of ſuch Foreign Company, under Forfeiture of all his, her, or their Intereſt, in the Capital, Principal, Stock, or Actions, of any ſuch Foreign Company, together with Treble the Value thereof.

And the Attorney General is empowered to exhibit Bills of Complaint in the Court of Chancery, or Court of Exchequer, againſt ſuch Offenders, for the Diſcovery of ſuch Offence; which Diſcovery ſuch Offenders are obliged to make on the Attorney General's waving in ſuch Bill, the ſaid Forfeiture of the Treble Value, and inſiſting only on the Single Value thereof; And in ſuch Caſe, the Single Value is to be decreed to be paid by ſuch Offender.

And that every Subject of His Majeſty accepting of any Truſt, or knowing of any Intereſt, Share, Part, Proportion, or Concern, which any other of His Majeſty's Subjects ſhall have, or be in to, in any ſuch Foreign Company who ſhall not, within Six next after the Accepting ſuch coming to the Knowledge of Share, Proportion, or Cor

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ſaid, truly diſcover the ſame in Writing to the Eaſt-India Company, or their Court of Directors, ſhall forfeit Treble the Value of the Intereſt ſo accepted in Truſt, or ſo known and not diſcovered, as aforeſaid; and any Perſon making ſuch Diſcovery, is intitled to a Moiety of the Forfeiture.

And all His Majeſty's Subjects, (other than ſuch as are lawfully authorized thereunto,) going to, or found in the Eaſt-Indies, are declared guilty of a High Crime, and Miſdemeanor, and are made liable to Corporal Puniſhment, Impriſonment, or Fine, for the ſame, at the Diſcretion of ſuch of His Majeſty's Courts of Record at *Weſtminſter*, where the Proſecution for ſuch Offence ſhall be commenced.

And every Perſon ſo offending may be ſeized, and brought to England, and committed to Goal there, by any one of His Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace, until ſufficient Security be given by Natural-born Subjects or Denizens, to appear in the Court, where ſuch Proſecution ſhall be commenced, to anſwer the ſame, and not depart without Leave of the Court.

3d Geo. II. *Cap.* 14.] By an Act paſſed in the 3d Year of His preſent Majeſty, it is Enacted, That if any of His Majeſty's Subjects (other than the Eaſt-India Company, and thoſe licenſed by them,) ſhall directly, or indirectly, go to, trade, or adventure into, or from, the Eaſt-Indies, every ſuch Offender ſhall incur the Forfeiture, and Loſs, of all the Ships, and Veſſels, employed in ſuch Voyage, Trade, or Adventure; and alſo all the Goods laden thereupon, or that were ſent to, acquired, traded or adventured, within the Eaſt-Indies, and all the Proceed, and Effects, of the ſame, and Double the Value thereof.

Havanna, Nov. 2. The 17th of October an Engliſh Man of War, called the Prince Henry, Captain Richard Jaſper, came to an Anchor in this Harbour, having loſt all her Maſts, and ſuffered other conſiderable Damages from the Hurricanes, which we have had in theſe Seas during the Month of September. She was received here with that Humanity, which is requiſite upon ſuch Occaſions, and all poſſible Aſſiſtance will be given her till ſhe can be in a Condition to purſue her Voyage. The Ship, which was bound for London, ſailed from Jamaica the 3d of September; on the 4th the firſt Hurricane happened, which would not ſuffer her to put in between Cayques and Mariguana; and on the 23d ſhe met with the ſecond, off Cape St. Antonio, which carried away all her Maſts. Several Engliſhmen, belonging to three Merchant Ships that have been wrecked, are likewiſe arrived in this Port. They have all been collected together, and are incorporated amongſt the Crews of his Majeſty's Ships. The Captain of the Prince Henry has ſince demanded theſe Men, and they will be delivered to him, upon his paying the Money that they have coſt during their Stay here; but this Point is not as yet ſettled. On the 28th of October arrived here a Merchant Ship, called the Kingſton, Captain Charles Whilfied. She was taking in her Lading of Sugar and Brandy upon the Coaſt of Jamaica, when the firſt Hurricane, which happened on the 3d of September, obliged her to put out to Sea, where ſhe met with the ſecond, which entirely diſabled her, leaving her without Boat, Cables, or Proviſions, and upon the Point of ſinking; but ſhe may ſtill be put in a Condition to purſue her Voyage.

Naples, Jan. 7. On the 2d Inſtant a Quarrel enſued at the Theatre, between the Duke of Seminaro, and the Prince of St. George, who challenged each other, but were prevented fighting, by being put under Arreſt by the Auditor of the Troops. Whilſt the King was ſhooting in the Forreſt of Acerra, he was cloſely purſued by a Wild Buffalo, and was in great Danger, had not one of the Guards timely came up to prevent any Miſchief.

Rome, Jan. 8. A few Days ago Count Salvatico had an Audience of the Pope, in which he delivered to him the Meſſage he was charged with by the Duke of Modena, to reconcile the Diſagreements between the two Courts, relating to the Arreſt, ſome Months ago, of the Sub-Governor of Fort Urbano. On the 21ſt paſt, the Duke de Nivernois, the French Ambaſſadour, had a publick Audience of Leave of the Pope, being on his Departure for France; Part of his Baggage having been ſent away Yeſterday Morning. M. Chiaveri, a famous Architect, is on his Departure for Dreſden, where, agreeable to the repeated Sollicitations he has received, he is to direct the Building of a ſecond Catholick Church. On the 2d Inſtant Cardinal Aldourandi was taken very ill at his Biſhoprick of Monte Fiaſcone, and we ſince hear he is dead, having left upwards of 400,000 Crowns.

Florence, Jan. 14. On the 13th Inſtant M. Richard ſet out on his Journey to Vienna, to take Charge of the Poſt of Secretary to the Council for the Affairs of Tuſcany, lately conferred upon him by the Emperor, in the Room of M. St. Odil, who is appointed the Tuſcan Miniſter at the Court of Rome. This Day Mr. Acton, Commodore of the Emperor's three Ships of War, ſet out from hence for his Station at Porto Ferraio.

Venice,

Venice, Jan. 21. By a late Reſolution of the Magiſtrates of Health, the Quarantine is entirely taken off from all Ships coming from the Weſtward and the Mediterranean; and this Exemption is likewiſe extended to the Ports of the Eccleſiaſtical State, and the Kingdom of Naples.

Whitehall, January 17, 1752.

Whereas it has been humbly repreſented to the King, that, on Thurſday the 26th of December laſt, about Seven o'Clock in the Evening, a Fire broke out, in an Outhouſe, belonging to John Framingham, Eſq; at Walſingham, in the County of Norfolk, which, in a ſhort Time, conſumed the ſame, and two other Outhouſes, adjoining thereto, and greatly endangered a large Barn, almoſt full of Corn, and many other contiguous Buildings; and, that, there is the ſtrongeſt Reaſon to believe the ſaid Outhouſe, was wilfully, and maliciouſly, ſet on Fire; His Majeſty, for the better diſcovering, and bringing to Juſtice, the Perſon or Perſons, concerned therein, is pleaſed to promiſe his moſt gracious Pardon to any one of them, (except the Perſon who actually ſet the ſaid Outhouſe on Fire,) who ſhall diſcover his, or her Accomplice, or Accomplices in the ſaid Fact, ſo, that he, ſhe, or they, may be apprehended and convicted thereof.

HOLLES NEWCASTLE.

And, as a farther Encouragement, the ſaid John Framingham does, hereby, promiſe a Reward of Twenty Pounds, to any Perſon, or Perſons, making ſuch Diſcovery as aforeſaid, (except the Perſon who actually ſet Fire to the ſaid Outhouſe) to be paid upon the Conviction of one, or more, of the Offenders.

John Framingham.

And, as a ſtill farther Encouragement, the Gentlemen, and other Inhabitants, of the Pariſh of Walſingham, do, hereby, promiſe, a farther Reward, of Twenty Pounds, to any Perſon, or Perſons, making ſuch Diſcovery as aforeſaid, (except the Perſon who actually ſet Fire to the Outhouſe of the ſaid John Framingham, Eſq;) to be paid upon the Conviction of one or more of the Offenders.

Admiralty Office, Dec. 23, 1751.

Notice is hereby given, that a Seſſion of Oyer and Terminer and Goal Delivery for the Trial of Offences committed on the High Seas within the Juriſdiction of the Admiralty of England, will be held on Tueſday the 18th Day of February next, at Juſtice Hall in the Old Baily, London, at Eight of the Clock in the Morning.

J. Clevland.

Admiralty Office, January 10, 1752.

Whereas his Majeſty has been pleaſed, by his Royal Proclamation of the 29th of March 1750, and by his Order in Council of the 19th of laſt Month, to direct that Paſſes of a new Form ſhall be iſſued to all his Subjects Trading in the Way of the cruizing Ships of the States of Barbary; My Lords Commiſſioners of the Admiralty do hereby give Notice, that in Purſuance of the aforeſaid Proclamation and Order in Council, Paſſes of a new Form will be ready to be iſſued at this Office from the 1ſt of February next, to ſuch Perſons as ſhall apply for them; and at his Majeſty's Foreign Colonies and Plantations as ſoon as conveniently may be; but that ſuch Paſſes of the old Form as have been iſſued will nevertheleſs continue in Force till the 30th of October next.

J. Clevland.

Navy-Office, January 17, 1752.

The Right Hon. the Lords Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Treaſury having appointed Money for paying Half Pay to Sea Officers, from the 31ſt of December 1750, to the 30th of June 1751, according to his Majeſty's Eſtabliſhment on that Behalf;

Theſe are to give Notice, that the ſaid Payment will begin to be made at the Treaſurer of the Navy's Office in Broad Street, on Tueſday the 11th of next Month, at Eight o'Clock in the Morning, and continued the Wedneſday and Thurſday following, beginning at the ſame Hour; That all Perſons may then and there attend to receive what may become payable to them, and not only bring with them the Affidavit required touching their not having enjoyed the Benefit of any publick Employment, either at Sea or on Shore, during the Time they are to be paid the ſaid Half Pay, but alſo produce Certificates that they have ſubſcribed to the Teſt, and taken the Oaths required by Act of Parliament to his preſent Majeſty. And in Caſe any of the ſaid Sea Officers ſhall not be able to attend themſelves to receive their Money, but employ Attorneys for that Purpoſe, that the ſaid Attorneys may produce the like Certificates and Affidavits from the Perſons they are employed by.

Tower of London, Jan. 17, 1752.

The Lieutenant General and Principal Officers of his Majeſty's Ordnance give Notice, That they will ſell, by Publick Auction, on Thurſday the 27th of February next, Sundry Lots of Powder Horns, Lanthorns, Tann'd Hyde, Cartouch Boxes, Scabbards, Muſquet and Piſtol Barrels, Muſquets with Iron and Braſs Furniture, Braſs Work for Muſquets, Muſquet Locks, Swords, Tarr'd Rope, Breechings, Tacklefalls, Pots or Head Pieces, Back and Breaſt Plates of Armour, with Cloathing, Bedding, and other old and unſerviceable Stores lying in the Tower, where they may be viewed till the Time of Sale; and printed Liſts of the Lots will be delivered to ſuch Perſons as apply for them.

By Order of the Board,

Charles Bush.

April 19, 1751.

General Poſt Office.

Whereas the Poſt-Boy bringing the Cirenceſter Mail to this Office, was Yeſterday Morning, between Two and Three of the Clock, on Gerrard's Croſs Common, between Wickham and Uxbridge, attacked and robbed by a ſingle Highwayman, mounted on a Bay Mare, who carried off the ſaid Mail, which contained the following Bags of Letters, viz.

Briſtol,	Worceſter,
Exeter,	Birmingham,
Tiverton,	Wolverhampton,
Taunton,	Woodſtock,
Wellington,	Bath,
Bridgewater,	Cirenceſter,
Wells,	Glouceſter,
Oxford,	Thame,
Burford,	Wickham,
Witney,	Beconsfield,
Chipping-norton,	Gerrard's Croſs,
Campden,	Abingdon, *and*
Eveſham,	Farringdon.

The Perſon who committed this Robbery, was a tall luſty black Man, about Six Feet high, between Forty and Fifty Years of Age, marked with the Small Pox, and had on a blue Surtout or Horſeman's Coat, and under it a dark coloured one, with white Metal Buttons, and wore a black or dark coloured Wig, and rode upon a large Brown Bay Horſe or Mare, Fifteen Hands high, with a bald Face, and a dark black Mane, the Tail lately docked and nicked, the Wounds not healed.

This therefore is to give Notice, That whoever ſhall apprehend and convict, or cauſe to be apprehended and convicted, the Perſon who committed this Robbery, will be intitled to a Reward of Two Hundred Pounds, *over and above the Reward given by Act of Parliament for*